

WEATHER PROGNOSTICS.
 Use Things to Learn in Order to Become
 "Weather Wise."
Indianapolis Journal.
 These prognostics are deduced from observations gathered from the most reliable sources in England, embracing 112 years, from 1777 to 1789, and are as follows:

1. When the vernal equinox is not preceded by the usual equinoctial storms, the succeeding summer will be dry at least

2. If easterly storms occur on the 10th, 20th, or 30th of May, the ensuing summer will likewise be dry, but the characteristic applies to storms from whatever direction, on the 10th, 20th, or 27th of March, viz., a dry summer will follow.

3. When storms happen from or between the 19th and 30th of March, having directions on the west southwest, the succeeding summer will be wet five times out of six. In England, when both winter and spring are dry, they are always cold, but when these

4. A wet autumn, succeeded by a mild winter, is generally followed by a dry and cold spring, which will be unfavorable to the

5. A wet summer is most always succeeded by a severe cold winter, because the terrestrial heat has been carried off by evaporation; it has also been observed that wet summers promote great proficiency on the white thorn dogbane, so that an unusual fruitfulness of the shrubs is considered a presage of an immensely cold winter.

6. A severe winter is also indicated by the early departure in the autumn by cranes and other migratory birds, because these birds never leave for a southern climate until the cold season has commenced in the higher northern regions.

7. When the month of September is showery it seldom rains during the coming month of May, and contrary, should September pass without showers, the following May will be

8. When, in summer and autumn, the predominating wind is from the southwest, or when the temperature is unusually low for the season, and the barometer be low, profuse rains may certainly be expected at the end of the season.

11. When rainy weather prevails during a moon, the change succeeding will be fair weather for several days, after which rain will again set in; but when fair weather prevailed

12. The most decided indication for fair weather is the apparently great elevation of the celestial concave and an evident disposition of the clouds to dissolve and vanish away.

14. Where the sky is overcast and small detached clouds of darker shade move hurriedly in opposite directions, heavy rains may be expected.

15. At the approach of rain, smoke and vapors descend to the earth, because the air is too light to support them, and at such times birds also fly nearer to the earth than at other times.

16. When at the close of a summer day dew forms copiously, the following day will be pleasant.

THE PENNSYLVANIA BUTCH.

A Class of Natives that Speak a Different Language.
Buffalo Courier.
In this great America of ourand in the very heart of its oldest and highest civilization there are whole communities whose present inhabitants, as well as their ancestors for a

century past, were born where they now reside, and yet are almost entire strangers to the English language, hundreds and even thousands of them not being able to speak or understand a word of it. Take the counties of York, Lancaster, Lehigh, Berks, the northern half of Bucks, and the southern half of Dauphin, besides several other counties in the state, and four-fifths of the people

These people are what are known as Pennsylvania Dutch. They have no written language, their speech being simply a dialect, the

only analogy of which with anything else of human antecedents lies in the fact that an occasional English, German, French, or Spanish word has been sandwiched with strange discordance into it. A great number of the people are bitterly opposed to their children's learning to speak English, and if allowed to go to school at all it is to a private one with a Dutch teacher, and even at the public schools, where, of course, English is taught.

the children relaps into their native jargon upon the playground, as was observed by the writer while passing a country schoolhouse only a few days ago. In fact in passing through this entire section of central Pennsylvania the ordinary American will find his surroundings, as regards both language and the social customs of the people, just as strange and foreign to his ideas as though he were in

And not only this, but he will find that he is looked upon with the same degree of half-suspicious curiosity, and as being as much of an interloper as would be the case in the foreign countries mentioned. This condition of things embraces a territory of many thousands of square miles of the very finest section of this great commonwealth, and a population of more than 300,000 people in the very heart

By more than 600,000 people in all the States of our civilization. The masses of the southern people have ever labored under the impression that during the late unpleasantness our army was very largely recruited from foreign countries. This view has been held up to the writer on innumerable occasions and made to explain our ability to place such overwhelming armies in the field. This belief arose from the frequent capture of these Pennsylvania

Dutchmen, who could not in many cases speak English, and in their contact with several regiments of troops raised in this region. And yet the ancestors of these soldiers for generations back were born upon this soil. In fact, so far as the matter can be traced, this language is indigenous to this section, as no people using the same or a similar dialect are known anywhere else on the face of the earth. The entire Helderberg is, be it either high or

The native Hindoos, be he of either high or low Dutch origin, can no more understand the people here than can the ordinary American. As a rule they are not an agreeable people to mingle with, either in business dealings or in social intercourse. Ignorance, selfishness, and greed are their governing traits.

By All Means.
Peck's Sun.

It is said that Frank James, at times, suffers from a paralysis of some of the muscles of the right side, superinduced by wounds received in his profession. This matter should be looked into. We are astonished that no movement has been made before this to have Mr. James pensioned. It is too bad that one who suffers from such wounds should be

obliged to go without a pension. However, after he has been a government detective for a few months, a position he will be tendered as soon as he is convicted of murder and pardoned, his attorney can apply for a pension, and the application will be indorsed by half the population of Missouri. Mr. James is indeed fortunate in his prospects. We have seen nothing from him on religious topics, no opinion as the future of Mr. Ingersoll or any

of the other prominent citizens who belong to other churches than the one which Mr. James honors by a membership, so it is probable that he is too sick to enjoy himself.